

## REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-11 are currently pending. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended. Claims 1, 10, and 11 are independent.

### Objection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c)

Claims 4-9 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his objection in view of the Amendments and the following Remarks.

Claim 3 has been amended so that it is solely dependent on claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended so that it is dependent upon any one of claims 1-3. Thus, Applicant submits that there are no multiple dependent claim which now depend from any other multiple dependent claim. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his indication that **claims 1-3, 10, and 11 are allowed**. In regard to **claims 4-9**, it is respectfully submitted that these claims **are allowable** at least by virtue of their **dependency on allowable claim 1**.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Michael K. Mutter (Reg. No. 29,680) at (703) 205-8000 to schedule a Personal Interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment from or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for

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any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, the extension of time fees.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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